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As is the case with all flowers that have the advantage of special adaptations for self-fertilization, every flower matures seeds.

THOMAS MEEHAN.

### Note on some Introduced Plants in Eastern Massachusetts.

I have been quite interested in the plants I have found about Parker River Mill, a small blanket manufactory started here three or four years since. In the last two years I have visited the grounds occasionally, and of rare plants for our vicinity I have found the following: *Helenium tenuifolium*, *Echinopspermum Lappula*, *Monarda punctata*, *Coreopsis senifolia*, *C. palmata*, *Erodium cicutarium*, *Medicago denticulata*, *M. maculata*, *Trifolium Macraei*, *T. tomentosum*, *Solanum rostratum*, *Physalis Pennsylvanica*, *Veronica Buxbaumii*, *Helianthus lætiflorus*, and *Dipsacus Fullonum*. Also *Tragopogon pratensis*, from another mill near by.

Some of these plants have appeared but once, and others now seem to be permanent residents in the grounds, although they live under disadvantages, as the debris of all kinds is spread upon the small enclosure.

*Sherardia arvensis* appears to be well established at Newburyport, Mass., it having seeded well and increased since it was noticed four years ago.

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### Index to Recent American Botanical Literature.

*Additions to our State (California) Flora*.—E. L. Greene. (West Am. Sci., iii., pp. 155-157.)

This descriptive list comprises six species. *Malva borealis*, of the Botany of California, proves to be *M. parviflora*, L., while *M. Nicænsis*, Allioni, has not heretofore been credited or distinguished. In the city of San Francisco itself the author finds *Paronychia Chilensis*, DC. From the collection of Mr. and Mrs. Lemmon in the mountains of San Luis Obispo County the following new species and varieties are described: *Thelypodium Lemmoni*, *Eschscholtzia Lemmoni*, and *Chænactis tenuifolia*, var. *Orcuttiana*.